

State of Maryland
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals
General Session Minutes - April 8, 2011
Metro Executive Building - 4201 Patterson Avenue - Room 100
Baltimore, Maryland

In Attendance

Albert Zachik, Chair
Krystal McKinney, Vice Chair
Bruce Anderson, Secretary
Cheryl Brown
William Childers
Regina Clay
Shanda Crowder
Sequaya Tasker
Ada Pearl Thomas
Mary Rode

Vacancy

Consumer

Staff

Kimberly Mayer, Executive Director
Carol Johnson, Deputy Director
Richard Bloom, AAG

Guests

Kristen Neville
Paula Hollinger
Sharon Bloom

Absent

Steve Sorin

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Albert Zachik, Chair of State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals ("State Board") called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 AM.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

The State Board reviewed the General Session minutes from the March 11, 2011, meeting. Motion made by Krystal McKinney: Approve the minutes of the March 11, 2011, meeting. Motion seconded by Regina Clay.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kimberly Mayer, Executive Director of the State Board reported:

- A. State Board Meeting Dates - Mark your calendar...The 2011 meeting dates are May 13, June 10, July 8, September 9, October 14, and December 9. The State Board will not meet August or November. CRCCPAs may earn continuing education credit for attending State Board meetings.
- B. State Standards Examinations for RCCPAs - For 2011, the State Standards Examination for RCCPAs will be administered on August 24. Any individual who is invited to take the State Standards Examination may contact the State Board's office to request special accommodations for alternate exam dates.
- C. Certification Report - As of April 4, 2011, the State Board reported:

Board Code		
Board	Status Codes	Occurrences
Acting Capacity	Active	5
Acting Capacity	Inactive	4
Program Administrator	Active	149
Program Administrator	Deceased	1
Program Administrator	Inactive	1
Program Administrator	Non-renewed	57
Program Administrator	Revoked	1
Program Administrator	Surrendered	3
	Total:	221

- D. Legislative Report - Senate Bill 344/House Bill 387 - "Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioners - Certification - Implementation Plan" was amended to require the Governor's Office for Children ("GOC") to establish a workgroup composed of representatives from the State Board, DHR, DJS, DHMH, Interagency Rates Committee, CBHA, MARFY, residential child care programs, and other interested persons to determine the feasibility to implement the certification program for RCYCPs in 2015 and develop a plan for implementation of the certification of RCYCPs. In determining the feasibility of implementation, the workgroup must consider costs, savings, efficiencies, and funding sources. The State Board supports the bill as amended.

Shandra Crowder reported that the GOC anticipates meetings of the workgroup to begin in early May and target August 1st as the date to have the draft report completed to circulate to the Department of Budget and Management for review. It was suggested that small providers should be included in the study. If any Board members are aware of small providers who may be interested in participating in the study, please forward their contact information to the GOC.

IV. CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There was no report from the Continuing Education Committee.

V. CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Certification Committee did not provide an official report. The Certification Committee continues to meet on a draft report for the Board's review. Significant progress has been made on the review and a final product should be available for the Board's review at its May meeting.

VI. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The State Board offered an opportunity for public comment at the meeting. No comments were made.

VII. ADJOURN

Pursuant to the Maryland State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §10-501 et seq. on a motion made by Cheryl Brown and seconded by Ada Pearl Thomas, those State Board members present unanimously voted to close the General Session meeting at 10:30 AM for the purpose of complying with the Maryland Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals Act that prevents disclosures about particular matters. The State Board will review applications and address complaints and disciplinary issues.